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SENATE BILL

No. 707

Introduced by Senator Kehoe

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Sections 8483, 8483.1, 8483.7, 8483.75, and 8483.9 of, and to add Sections 8484.65 and Section 8484.68 to, the Education Code, relating to before and after school programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 707, as amended, Kehoe. Before and after school programs.

Existing law, the After School Education and Safety Program, creates incentives for establishing local before- and after-school enrichment programs and establishes maximum grants for before- and after-school programs. Existing law requires every after school component of a program to operate a minimum of 3 hours a day and at least until 6 p.m. on every regular schoolday.

This bill would authorize the State Department of Education to reimburse a program grantee for up to 125% of the maximum total grant amount for an individual school, so long as the maximum total grant amount for all school programs administered by the program grantee is not exceeded. The bill would also, instead, require every after school component of a program to commence immediately upon the conclusion of the regular schoolday, and operate a minimum of 3 hours a day or at least until 6 p.m. on every regular schoolday.

Existing law provides that in no event shall a pupil participate in a before school program less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours per day to be eligible for funding.

This bill would delete this provision.

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Existing law provides that a program participant receiving state funding may expend no more than 15% of that funding on administrative costs.

This bill would provide that those funds need not be earned through pupil attendance.

This bill would establish an After School Education and Safety Advisory Committee within the State Department of Education, composed of members as specified, for the purpose of providing information and advice to the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding state and federal policy and funding issues affecting after school programs.

This bill would require an after school program that is prevented from operating due to a natural disaster or an emergency created by war to receive payment commensurate with what it would have reasonably received had it not been prevented from operating. The bill would require the State Department of Education to develop procedures to determine appropriate compensation for sites prevented from operating due to those conditions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8483 of the Education Code is amended 2 to read:

8483. (a) (1) Every after school component of a program established pursuant to this article shall *commence immediately upon the conclusion of the regular schoolday, and* operate a minimum of three hours a day or shall operate at least until 6 p.m. on every regular schoolday. Every after school component of the program shall establish a policy regarding reasonable early daily release of pupils from the program. For those programs or schoolsites operating in a community where the early release policy does not meet the unique needs of that community or school, or both, documented evidence may be submitted to the department for an exception and a request for approval of an alternative plan.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that elementary school pupils participate in the full day of the program every day during which pupils participate and that pupils in middle school or

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junior high school attend a minimum of nine hours a week and three days a week to accomplish program goals.

- (3) In order to develop an age-appropriate after school program for pupils in middle school or junior high school, programs established pursuant to this article may implement a flexible attendance schedule for those pupils. Priority for enrollment of pupils in middle school or junior high school shall be given to pupils who attend daily.
- (b) The administrators of a program established pursuant to this article have the option of operating during any combination of summer, intersession, or vacation periods for a minimum of three hours per day at the approved rate for the regular school year pursuant to Section 8483.7.
- SEC. 2. Section 8483.1 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 8483.1. (a) (1) Every before school program component established pursuant to this article shall commence operation at or before 6 a.m. on every regular schoolday or two hours before the commencement of the regular schoolday. A program may operate less than two hours per regular schoolday, but in no instance shall a program operate for less than one and one-half hours per regular schoolday. Every program shall establish a policy regarding reasonable late daily arrival of pupils to the program.
- (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that elementary school pupils participate in the full day of the program every day during which pupils participate and that pupils in middle school or junior high school attend a minimum of six hours a week and three days a week to accomplish program goals, except when arriving late in accordance with the late arrival policy described in paragraph (1) or as reasonably necessary.
- (3) In order to develop an age-appropriate before school program for pupils in middle school or junior high school, programs established pursuant to this article may implement a flexible attendance schedule for those pupils. Priority for enrollment of pupils in middle school or junior high school shall be given to pupils who attend daily.
- (b) The administrators of a before school program established pursuant to this article shall have the option of operating during any combination of summer, intersession, or vacation periods for

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a minimum of two hours per day at the approved rate for the regular school year pursuant to Section 8483.75.

- SEC. 3. Section 8483.7 of the Education the Education Code is amended to read:
- 8483.7. (a) (1) (A) Every school that establishes a program pursuant to this article is eligible to receive a three-year renewable incentive grant, that shall be awarded in three one-year increments and is subject to annual reporting and recertification as required by the State Department of Education department, for either of the following, as selected by the school:
- (i) Up to five dollars (\$5) per day per pupil, if the program serves pupils in elementary, middle, or junior high school.
- (ii) Five dollars (\$5) per pupil for each three hours of pupil attendance, with a maximum total reimbursement of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per pupil per week, if the program serves pupils in middle or junior high school. To receive reimbursement pursuant to this subparagraph, the program administrator shall apply to and receive approval annually from the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Approval by the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be based on program results.
- (B) The maximum total grant amount awarded annually pursuant to this paragraph shall be seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for each regular school year for each elementary school and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each regular school year for each middle or junior high school.
- (2) For large schools, the maximum total grant amounts described in paragraph (1) may be increased based on the following formulas, up to a maximum amount of twice the respective limits specified in paragraph (1):
- (A) For elementary schools, multiply seventy-five dollars (\$75) by the number of pupils enrolled at the schoolsite for the normal schoolday program that exceeds 600.
- (B) For middle schools, multiply seventy-five dollars (\$75) by the number of pupils enrolled at the schoolsite for the normal schoolday program that exceeds 900.
- (3) The maximum total grant amounts set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) and in paragraph (2) may be increased from any funds made available for this purpose in the annual Budget Act for participating schools that have pupils on waiting lists for the program. Grants may be increased by the

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lesser of an amount that is either 25 percent of the current maximum total grant amount or equal to the proportion of pupils unserved by the program as measured by documented waiting lists as of January 1, 2001, compared to the actual after school enrollment on the same date. Matching fund requirements shall be increased accordingly.

- (4) A school that establishes a program pursuant to this article is eligible to receive a supplemental grant to operate the program during any combination of summer, intersession, or vacation periods for a maximum of the lesser of the following amounts:
 - (A) Five dollars (\$5) per day per pupil.

- (B) Thirty percent of the total grant amount awarded to the school per school year pursuant to this subdivision.
- (5) Each program shall provide at least 50 percent cash or in-kind local matching funds from the school district, governmental agencies, community organizations, or the private sector for each dollar received in grant funds. Neither facilities nor space usage may fulfill the match requirement.
- (6) The department may reimburse a program grantee for up to 125 percent of the maximum total grant amount for an individual school, so long as the maximum total grant amount for all school programs administered by the program grantee is not exceeded.
- (b) The administrator of a program established pursuant to this article may supplement, but not supplant existing funding for after school programs with grant funds awarded pursuant to this article. State categorical funds for remedial education activities shall not be eligible as matching funds for those after school programs.
- (c) Up to 15 percent of the initial year's grant amount for each grant recipient may be utilized for startup costs. Under no circumstance shall funding for startup costs result in an increase in the grant recipient's total funding above the approved grant amount.
- SEC. 4. Section 8483.75 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 8483.75. (a) (1) (A) Every school that establishes a before school program component pursuant to Section 8483.1 of this article is eligible to receive a three year renewable incentive grant, that shall be awarded in three one-year increments and is subject to annual reporting and recertification as required by the

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State Department of Education department, for either of the following, as selected by the school:

- (i) Up to three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$3.33) per day per pupil for a two hour program, if the program serves pupils in elementary, middle, or junior high school. Per pupil reimbursement rates shall be reduced on a prorated basis for those programs which operate for less than two hours per regular schoolday. The rate shall be determined by multiplying 3.33 by the fraction represented by dividing the minutes of operation per day by 120.
- (ii) Three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$3.33) per pupil for each two hours of pupil attendance, with a maximum total reimbursement of sixteen dollars and sixty-five cents (\$16.65) per pupil per week, if the program serves pupils in middle or junior high school. To receive reimbursement pursuant to this subparagraph, the program administrator shall apply to and receive approval annually from the Superintendent—of Public Instruction shall be based on program results.
- (B) The maximum total grant amount awarded annually pursuant to this paragraph shall be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each regular school year for each elementary school and thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) for each regular school year for each middle or junior high school.
- (2) For large schools, the maximum total grant amounts described in paragraph (1) may be increased based on the following formulas, up to a maximum amount of twice the respective limits specified in paragraph (1):
- (A) For elementary schools, multiply fifty dollars (\$50) by the number of pupils enrolled at the schoolsite for the normal schoolday program that exceeds 600.
- (B) For middle schools, multiply fifty dollars (\$50) by the number of pupils enrolled at the schoolsite for the normal schoolday program that exceeds 900.
- (3) A school that establishes a program pursuant to this article is eligible to receive a supplemental grant to operate the program during any combination of summer, intersession, or vacation periods for a maximum of the lesser of the following amounts:
- (A) Three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$3.33) per day per pupil.

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(B) Thirty percent of the total grant amount awarded to the school per school year pursuant to this subdivision.

- (4) Each program shall provide at least 50 percent cash or in-kind local matching funds from the school district, governmental agencies, community organizations, or the private sector for each dollar received in grant funds. Neither facilities nor space usage may fulfill the match requirement.
- (5) The department may reimburse a program grantee for up to 125 percent of the maximum total grant amount for an individual school, so long as the maximum total grant amount for all school programs administered by the program grantee is not exceeded.
- (b) The administrator of a program established pursuant to this article may supplement, but not supplant existing funding for before school programs with grant funds awarded pursuant to this article. State categorical funds for remedial education activities shall not be eligible as matching funds for those before school programs.
- (c) Up to 15 percent of the initial year's grant amount for each grant recipient may be utilized for startup costs. Under no circumstance shall funding for startup costs result in an increase in the grant recipient's total funding above the approved grant amount.
- SEC. 5. Section 8483.9 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 8483.9. (a) A program participant receiving funding pursuant to this article may expend on indirect costs no more than the lesser of the following:
- (1) The school district's indirect cost rate, as approved by the department for the appropriate fiscal year.
- (2) Five percent of the state program funding received pursuant to this article.
- (b) A program participant receiving state funding pursuant to this article may expend no more than 15 percent of that funding on administrative costs, which funding need not be earned through pupil attendance. For purposes of this section, administrative costs shall include indirect costs, as described in subdivision (a).
- (c) A program participant receiving state funding pursuant to this program shall ensure that no less than 85 percent of that funding is allocated to schoolsites for direct services to pupils.

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SEC. 4. Section 8484.65 is added to the Education Code, to read:

- 8484.65. (a) There is established in the department an After School Education and Safety Advisory Committee for the purpose of providing information and advice to the superintendent regarding state and federal policy and funding issues affecting after school programs, based on regular and systematic input from providers.
- (b) The membership of the advisory committee shall consist of the following persons, all of whom shall be operators of after school programs, unless otherwise specified:
- (1) Four appointees by the Governor, one of which shall be a person who operates a large elementary after school program and one of which shall be a person who operates a rural after school program.
- (2) Three appointees by the superintendent, one of which shall be a person from a foundation or academic institution who has knowledge about after school programs and one of which shall be a person who operates a high school after school program.
- (3) Two appointees by the Secretary for Education, one of which shall be a person from a nonprofit institution who has knowledge about after school programs.
- (4) Two appointees by the Senate Committee on Rules, one of which shall be a person who operates a small elementary after school program.
- (5) Two appointees by the Speaker of the Assembly, one of which shall be a person who operates a middle school after school program.
- (c) The advisory committee members shall select one of its members to be the chair of the committee. It is the responsibility of the chair to act as the conduit between the advisory committee and the superintendent and appropriate staff at the department.
- (d) The department shall designate a staff member to serve as consultant to the advisory committee.
- (e) The advisory committee shall meet as frequently as necessary but at least on a quarterly basis. The meetings of the committee may be conducted by teleconference.
- (f) The members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation, including for travel and per diem.

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 SEC. 6. Section 8484.68 is added to the Education Code, to read:

8484.68. (a) An after school program that is prevented from operating due to natural disaster, including, but not limited to, fire, including the October 2003 Cedar Fire in the County of San Diego, flood, earthquake or epidemic, or because of any order of any military officer of the United States or of the state to meet an emergency created by war, or of any civil officer of the United States, the state, or any county, city and county, or city authorized to issue that order to meet an emergency created by war, or because of other extraordinary conditions, shall receive payment commensurate with what the program would have reasonably received had it not been so prevented from operating.

(b) The department shall develop procedures to determine appropriate compensation for sites prevented from operating due to conditions described in subdivision (a).